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REF: A. ABU DHABI 1249 (PARA 2) B. STATE 196110 (PARA 3)
C. STATE 246583

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS MADE BY DEPT TO FACILITATE THE PLACEMENT OF UAEG SPONSORED STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. EMBASSY AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN PLACEMENT WITHOUT NORMAL ENTRANCE PROCEDURES; HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES URGENCY OF UAE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS VALIDATE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. NO CONTRACTIAL AGREEMENT EVER REACHED BETWEEN MINED AND UNIV OF INDIANA, NOR HAVE ANY SUCH AGREEMENTS BEEN SIGNED WITH ANY U.S. INSTITUTION. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN IMMEDIATE PLACEMENT IN U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVS OF UAE SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES, MINED RECOGNIZING FULL-WELL NECESSITY FOR INTENSIVE ENGLISH TRAINING PRIOR TO ACADEMIC ADMISSIBILITY.

2. MANY UNIVERSITIES HAVE SOUGHT AGREEMENTS HERE IN ABU DHABI BUT MINED AIMING AT EXCELLENCE WITH EXPENSE NOT PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS.

3. EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN PLACEMENT OF UAEG SPONSORED STUDENTS IN US INSTITUTIONS CAPABLE OF AND ACCUSTOMED TO HANDLING FOREIGN STUDENTS ESSENTIAL IN PROMOTING FUTURE UAE LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS INTRODUCING
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FUNDS IN UNIV PROGRAMS AT THIS TIME. INITIAL EMBASSY

AND DEPT PROGRAMMING PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN ESTABLISHING PATTERN OF COOPERATION. INABILITY OF UNIV OF INDIANA, HAVING ACCEPTED 16 UAE STUDENTS TO FALL SEMESTER, TO ACCEPT MORE IN JANUARY OF 75, LED POST (SEE ABU DHABI 1249) TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN PLACEMENT IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS. UNIV OF ARIZONA SUGGESTED FOR ITS KNOWN EXCELLENCE IN CESL AND THE INTEREST INDICATED BY DR. KASSANDER IN RECEIVING UAE STUDENTS AT UNIV OF ARIZONA WHERE ARIZ UNIV AND UAE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED.

4. PAO LOOKS FORWARD TO UNIV PRESIDENT'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER AS REFERRED IN PARA 1 OF STATE 246583.

5. REFERENCE PARA 2 (A) OF REC C, ARIZONA PROGRAM NOT REPLACING INDIANA VENTURE OF UAEG SPONSORED STUDENTS BUT ONLY AUGMENTING AND DIVERSIFYING ENROLLMENT; AN (B) NEITHER EMBASSY NOR UAEG MINED HAS ENTERED FORMAL OR INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH KASSANDER; AND (C) NO PROMISE OF PLACEMENT AT ARIZONA OR ELSEWHERE HAS BEEN MADE.

6. REFERENCE PARA 5 REF C, RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFYING UAE, EMBASSY WASHINGTON RESTS WITH MINED UPON CONFIRMED PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH ARIZONA.

7. REFERENCE PARA 6 REF C, POST WELL AWARE OF U.S. INSTITUTIONS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AS IS MINED. IT IS TO AVOID "SLIDE DOOR" ENTRANCE THAT MINED HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE THRU THE DEPT. THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC ADMISSION AT ARIZONA OR ANY OTHER US INSTITUTION RESTS ON CAPABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL UAE STUDENT. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE SUBMITTED THRU EMBASSY TO ARIZONA ALONG WITH MINED CERTIFIED CREDENTIALS.

8. REFERENCE PARA 7 REF C, FACILITATIVE SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION OF UAE SPONSORED STUDENTS MADE WITHIN FRAME OF CU PROGRAM CONCEPT AND IN EFFORT TO ASSIST MINED IN ITS CRITICAL NEED FOR TRAINED, EDUCATED UAE LEADERS.
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